

Field Checklist for Birds at Wildlife Areas in Eastern Arizona

Becker Lake
Sipe White Mountain
White Mountain Grasslands
Wenima

Using the Checklist

The columns following each bird species are intended to help viewers learn when and where birds may be found at any of the four featured wildlife areas owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in eastern Arizona. More than one residency and abundance code may be provided for selected species due to differences in seasonal use of these habitats.

Residency lists the time of year the species normally appears at these wildlife areas:

S = Summer
W = Winter
P = Permanent Resident
M = Migratory
X = Accidental

Abundance refers to how numerous the species is at these wildlife areas.

C = Common
F = Frequent
U = Uncommon
R = Rare

	Residency	Abundance	Becker Lake	Grasslands	Sipe	Wenima
Loons						
____ Common Loon	W	U	•			
Grebes						
____ Horned Grebe	M	R	•		•	
____ Eared Grebe	P	U	•		•	
	M	F	•		•	
____ Pied-billed Grebe	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Clark's Grebe	M	R	•		•	
____ Western Grebe	M	U	•		•	
Pelicans						
____ American White Pelican	M	R	•			
Cormorants						
____ Double-crested Cormorant	S	F	•		•	
	W	R	•		•	
Bitterns, Herons and Egrets						
____ American Bittern	M	R	•		•	•
____ Black-crowned Night-Heron	S	U	•	•	•	•
____ Green Heron	S	R	•		•	•
	M	R	•		•	•
____ Cattle Egret	M	R	•	•	•	•
____ Snowy Egret	M	R	•	•	•	•
____ Great Egret	M	R	•	•	•	•
____ Great Blue Heron	P	C	•	•	•	•
Ibises						
____ White-faced Ibis	M	F	•	•	•	•
Swans, Geese and Ducks						
____ Tundra Swan	M	X	•		•	
____ Greater White-fronted Goose	M	R	•			
____ Snow Goose	M	R	•		•	
____ Ross' Goose	W	R	•		•	
____ Canada Goose	P	F	•		•	•

____ Wood Duck
____ Mallard
____ Gadwall
____ Green-winged Teal

____ American Wigeon

____ Northern Pintail

____ Northern Shoveler
____ Blue-winged Teal

____ Cinnamon Teal
____ Canvasback
____ Redhead

____ Ring-necked Duck

____ Greater Scaup
____ Lesser Scaup
____ Common Goldeneye
____ Bufflehead
____ Common Merganser

____ Red-breasted Merganser
____ Hooded Merganser
____ Ruddy Duck

Vultures

____ Turkey Vulture

Kites, Eagles and Hawks

____ Osprey
____ Northern Harrier
____ Golden Eagle
____ Bald Eagle

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M	R			•		
P	C	•	•	•	•	
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S	R	•	•	•	•	
W	F	•	•	•	•	
S	R	•	•	•	•	
W	C	•	•	•	•	
S	R	•		•		
W	F	•		•		
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S	C	•	•	•	•	
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S	U	•		•	•	
W	F	•		•	•	
M	R	•		•		
W	F	•		•		
W	U	•		•		
P	F	•		•	•	
Vultures						
S	C	•	•	•	•	
Kites, Eagles and Hawks						
S	F	•		•	•	
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P	U	•	•	•	•	
S	R	•	•	•	•	
W	F	•	•	•	•	

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____ Sharp-shinned Hawk	P	F	•	•	•	•
____ Cooper's Hawk	P	U	•		•	•
____ Northern Goshawk	P	U			•	
____ Red-tailed Hawk	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Swainson's Hawk	S	R	•	•	•	•
____ Rough-legged Hawk	W	X	•	•	•	•
____ Ferruginous Hawk	W	R	•	•	•	•
Falcons						
____ American Kestrel	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Merlin	W	R	•	•	•	•
____ Prairie Falcon	P	R	•	•	•	•
____ Peregrine Falcon	P	U	•	•	•	•
Turkey, Grouse and Quail						
____ Wild Turkey	P	F		•		
____ Montezuma Quail	P	U		•	•	
Rails and Coots						
____ Virginia Rail	P	U	•		•	•
____ Sora	S	F	•		•	•
____ American Coot	P	C	•	•	•	•
Plovers						
____ Killdeer	S	C	•	•	•	•
	W	U	•	•	•	•
Stilts and Avocets						
____ American Avocet	M	R	•		•	•
____ Black-necked Stilt	M	R	•		•	•
Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies						
____ Greater Yellowlegs	M	F	•		•	•
____ Lesser Yellowlegs	M	F	•		•	•
____ Spotted Sandpiper	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Long-billed Curlew	M	R	•			
____ Western Sandpiper	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Least Sandpiper	M	F	•	•	•	•

____ Long-billed Dowitcher
 ____ Wilson's (Common) Snipe
 ____ Wilson's Phalarope
 ____ Red-necked Phalarope

Gulls and Terns

____ Ring-billed Gull
 ____ Forster's Tern
 ____ Black Tern

Pigeons and Doves

____ Band-tailed Pigeon
 ____ Rock Dove
 ____ Mourning Dove
 ____ Eurasian Collared-Dove
 ____ White-winged Dove

Cuckoos and Roadrunners

____ Greater Roadrunner

Owls

____ Barn Owl
 ____ Long-eared Owl
 ____ Great Horned Owl
 ____ Spotted Owl, "Mexican"
 ____ Western Screech-Owl
 ____ Flammulated Owl
 ____ Northern Pygmy-Owl
 ____ Northern Saw-whet Owl
 ____ Burrowing Owl

Nighthawks and Nightjars

____ Common Nighthawk
 ____ Common Poorwill

Swifts and Hummingbirds

____ White-throated Swift

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____ Blue-throated Hummingbird	M	F	•	•	•	•
____ Magnificent Hummingbird	W	U	•	•	•	•
____ Black-chinned Hummingbird	M	U	•		•	•
____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird	M	R	•			•
____ Calliope Hummingbird						
____ Rufous Hummingbird						
Kingfishers						
____ Belted Kingfisher	M	U	•		•	
	M	U	•		•	
	M	R	•			•
Woodpeckers						
____ Acorn Woodpecker	S	U			•	
____ Lewis' Woodpecker	P	U	•			
____ Northern Flicker	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Williamson's Sapsucker	P	U	•	•	•	•
	P	R	•	•		•
____ Red-naped Sapsucker						
____ Downy Woodpecker	P	U	•	•		•
____ Hairy Woodpecker	P	R			•	•
____ American Three-toed Woodpecker	P	F	•	•	•	•
	P	R			•	•
Tyrant Flycatchers						
____ Greater Pewee	P	U			•	•
____ Olive-sided Flycatcher	S	U			•	
____ Western Wood-Pewee	M	U				•
____ Willow Flycatcher	S	C	•	•	•	•
____ Gray Flycatcher	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Dusky Flycatcher	S	R			•	•
____ Cordilleran Flycatcher	S	U			•	•
____ Black Phoebe	S	C	•	•	•	•
____ Say's Phoebe	S	C	•	•	•	•
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____ Ash-throated Flycatcher	S	U	•	•	•	•
____ Cassin's Kingbird	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Western Kingbird	S	C	•	•	•	•
Shrikes						
____ Loggerhead Shrike	S	R	•	•	•	•
	W	U	•	•	•	•
Vireos						
____ Gray Vireo	M	R	•	•	•	•
____ Plumbeous Vireo	S	F		•		
	M	U	•			•
____ Cassin's Vireo	M	R		•	•	
____ Warbling Vireo	S	F		•	•	
Corvids						
____ Steller's Jay	P	C		•		
	W	R	•	•		•
____ Gray Jay	P	R		•		
____ Clark's Nutcracker	P	U		•		
____ Western Scrub-jay	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Pinyon Jay	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ American Crow	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Common Raven	P	C	•	•	•	•
Larks						
____ Horned Lark	P	F	•	•	•	•
Swallows						
____ Tree Swallow	S	U	•	•	•	•
____ Violet-green Swallow	S	C	•	•	•	•
____ Purple Martin	S	U	•		•	•
____ Cliff Swallow	S	U	•	•		•
____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Barn Swallow	S	U	•	•	•	•
____ Bank Swallow	M	U	•			

Chickadees and Titmice

____ Juniper Titmouse	P	U	•	•	•	•
____ Mountain Chickadee	P	C			•	
	P	R	•	•		•

Bushtit

____ Bushtit	P	F	•	•	•	•
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Creepers

____ Brown Creeper	P	F			•	
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Nuthatches

____ White-breasted Nuthatch	P	C			•	
	P	R	•	•		•
____ Red-breasted Nuthatch	P	U			•	
____ Pygmy Nuthatch	P	C			•	
	P	U	•	•		•

Wrens

____ House Wren	S	F			•	
	S	U	•	•		•
____ Bewick's Wren	P	U	•	•	•	•
____ Rock Wren	P	U	•	•	•	•
____ Canyon Wren	P	R			•	•
____ Marsh Wren	W	U	•			•

Dippers

____ American Dipper	P	R			•	
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Kinglets

____ Golden-crowned Kinglet	P	U			•	
____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	P	C			•	
	M	C	•	•		•

Gnatcatchers

____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	S	R	•	•	•	•
	M	F	•			•

Thrushes

____ Western Bluebird	P	C			•	
	W	C	•	•	•	•
____ Mountain Bluebird	P	C			•	
	W	C	•	•	•	•
____ Townsend's Solitaire	P	F			•	
	W	F	•	•		•
____ Swainson's Thrush	M	R		•	•	•
____ Hermit Thrush	P	U			•	
____ American Robin	P	C	•	•	•	•

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

____ Gray Catbird	S	R				•
____ Northern Mockingbird	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Crissal Thrasher	P	R	•			•

Starlings

____ European Starling	P	C	•	•	•	•
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Waxwings

____ Cedar Waxwing	W	U	•		•	•
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Silky Flycatchers

____ Phainopepla	P	R	•	•		•
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Wood Warblers

____ Orange-crowned Warbler	S	R			•	•
	M	F	•	•	•	•
____ Nashville Warbler	M	U		•	•	•
____ Virginia's Warbler	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler	S	F	•	•	•	•
	W	R	•	•	•	•
____ Black-throated Gray Warbler	S	U		•	•	•
	M	F	•	•	•	•
____ Townsend's Warbler	M	U			•	•
____ Hermit Warbler	M	R			•	•

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____ Grace's Warbler	S	F			•	
____ Yellow Warbler	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ MacGillivray's Warbler	S	R			•	
	M	F	•	•	•	•
____ Wilson's Warbler	M	C	•	•	•	•
____ Northern Waterthrush	M	R	•		•	•
____ Common Yellowthroat	S	F	•		•	•
____ Yellow-breasted Chat	S	U	•		•	•
____ Red-faced Warbler	S	F			•	
____ Olive Warbler	S	R			•	
Tanagers						
____ Hepatic Tanager	S	U			•	
____ Western Tanager	S	U	•	•	•	•
Sparrows, Towhees and Allies						
____ Green-tailed Towhee	S	R			•	
	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Canyon Towhee	P	U	•	•		•
____ Spotted Towhee	P	F		•	•	•
____ Chipping Sparrow	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Brewer's Sparrow	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Lark Sparrow	S	F	•	•	•	•
____ Black-throated Sparrow	M	R		•		•
____ Sage Sparrow	M	R	•	•		•
____ Savannah Sparrow	S	R	•	•	•	•
	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Lincoln's Sparrow	S	R			•	
	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ Song Sparrow	S	U	•	•	•	•
	W	F	•	•	•	•
____ Vesper Sparrow	S	R	•	•	•	•
	M	U	•	•	•	•
____ White-throated Sparrow	W	R	•			•
____ White-crowned Sparrow	W	C	•	•	•	•
____ Dark-eyed Junco	P	C	•	•	•	•
____ Chestnut-collared Longspur	W	R	•	•		

Grosbeaks and Buntings

____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
____ Black-headed Grosbeak	
____ Blue Grosbeak	
____ Indigo Bunting	
____ Lazuli Bunting	

Blackbirds, Orioles and Allies

____ Eastern Meadowlark	
____ Western Meadowlark	
____ Yellow-headed Blackbird	
____ Red-winged Blackbird	
____ Great-tailed Grackle	
____ Brewer's Blackbird	

____ Brown-headed Cowbird	
____ Bullock's Oriole	

Finches

____ Cassin's Finch	
____ House Finch	
____ Red Crossbill	
____ Pine Siskin	
____ American Goldfinch	
____ Lesser Goldfinch	

____ Evening Grosbeak	
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Weaver Finches

____ House Sparrow	
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